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SUBJ: US- USSR ENVIRONMENTAL AGREEMENT: ISRAEL VISIT

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1. SCIATT IS REQUESTED TO SEE DR. ISRAEL OF HYDROMET TO PRESENT REPLY FROM CHAIRMAN TRAIN TO HIS LETTER OF MARCH 9. SCIATT SHOULD EXPLAIN THAT LETTER TOOK ENTIRE MONTH IN TRANSIT, AND THAT FURTHER DELAY IN REPLY WAS OCCASIONED BY NECESSARY COORDINATION AMONG INTERESTED US AGENCIES. EXPLAIN THAT CEQ IS LOOKING INTO QUESTION RAISED ABOUT CONTACT WITH AUTOMOBILE INDUSTRY AND REPLY WILL BE FORTHCOMING SHORTLY. ALSO EXPLAIN THAT ALL CONCERNED ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO DR. ISRAEL'S VISIT, AND SLOWNESS IN PRESENTING PROGRAM IS DUE TO FACT THAT CEQ AND EPA ARE CO- HOSTING HIS VISIT (CEQ RECEIVING HIM IN HIS CAPACITY AS PROJECT CHAIRMAN FOR THE ANALYSIS OF THE ENVIRONMENT

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PROJECT).

2. BEGIN TEXT: DEAR DR. ISRAEL: TH NK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR LETTER OF MARCH 9, WHICH I REGRET TO SAY WAS VERY LATE IN REACHING ME. I AM EXTRE ELY WELL PLEASED AT THE PROGRESS MADE IN THE PROGRAM RESENTLY, AND LOOK FORWARD TO DISCUSSINGTHIS WITH YOU IN JUNE.

3. WE HAVE BEEN IN TOUCH WITH DR. ATTAWAY AND HIS COLLEAGUES AT EPA AND, WITH YOUR AGREEMENT, PLAN TO MAKE YOUR VISIT A DUAL- PURPOSE ONE. I AND MY STAFF AT CEQ WILL PLAN TO DISCUSS WITH YOU THE GENERAL PROGRESS OF THE PROGRAM, AND TO ACQUAINT YOU WITH THE WORK OF THE COUNCIL. DR. ATTAWAY PLANS TO PROVIDE BRIEFINGS ON THE WORK OF EPA IN CONNECTION WITH OUR AGREEMENT, AS WELL AS TO DISCUSS WITH YOU YOUR PROJECT ON ANALYSIS OF THE ENVIRONMENT. WE ARE TENTATIVELY PLANNING FOR THIS TO TAKE UP THE FIRST WEEK OF YOUR VISIT. THEN OVER THE WEEKEND OF JUNE 23-24 AND DURING THE WEEK OF JUNE 25-30, WE PLAN TO ARRANGE SOME OF THE VISITS YOU WISH. BASED ON YOUR CONVERSATION WITH DR. JOHN BUCKLEY FOLLOWING YOUR LETTER, WE UNDERSTAND THAT YOU MIGHT BE INTERESTED IN OTHER VISITS BESIDES THOSE NAMED IN THE LETTER (ST. LOUIS, LAKE MICHIGAN, YELLOWSTONE). TENTATIVELY, WE PROPOSE THE FOLLOWING: (A) SOME VISITS IN THE WASHINGTON AREA DURING YOUR WEEK HERE, FOR EXAMPLE, THE BLUE PLAINS WASTE TREATMENT FACILITY AND A PAPER MILL IN VIRGINIA. (B) VISIT EITHER TO THE CHICAGO- LAKE MICHIGAN AREA OR TO THE DULUTH- LAKE SUPERIOR AREA. (C) VISIT TO NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL RESEARCH CENTER, CINCINATTI. (D) VISIT TO ST. LOUIS OR TO THE DELAWARE RIVER BASIN, ONE OR TWO DAYS. (E) VISIT TO A NATIONAL PARK, POSSIBLY YELLOWSTONE, ONE OR TWO DAYS. IF YOU HAVE ANY MORE SPECIFIC IDEAS ABOUT YOUR PROGRAM, PLEASE LET ME KNOW THROUGH OUR EMBASSY IN MOSCOW. OTHERWISE WE SHALL GO AHEAD WITH EPA IN PLANNING A MORE DEFINITE SCHEDULE FOR JUNE 17-30.

4. WE ARE LOOKING INTO FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE TRIP AND I SHALL WRITE TO YOU ABOUT THIS ASPECT LATER. I SHALL ALSO BE WRITING SOON IN REPLY TO YOUR UNCLASSIFIED

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INQUIRY ABOUT DIRECT CONTACT WITH THE AUTOMOBILE INDUSTRY.

5. WE ARE LOOKING FORWARD WITH PLEASURE TO YOUR VISIT. SINCERELY, RUSSELL E. TRAIN. END TEXT. ROGERS

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